

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30 (canceled).

31. (new) A cosmetic pencil comprising a sleeve body (10) which in its interior has a longitudinally extending cavity (12) which is open outwardly by way of at least one opening (12a, 12b) and a lead (14) of a cosmetic material, which is arranged in the cavity (12), wherein the lead (14) is arranged in the sleeve body (10) at least portion-wise in spaced relationship in the peripheral and/or longitudinal direction with respect to the inside wall of the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10), forming an empty space, and wherein there is also provided a fixing securing means (40) for the lead (14) in the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10), which fixes the lead (14) in the interior of the cavity (12) at least to prevent rotation thereof,

characterised in that arranged at the inside wall of the cavity (12) are a plurality of guide ribs (12d) which extend in the longitudinal direction of the cavity (12) and which are arranged in mutually spaced relationship in the peripheral direction thereof and which are in line contact at least portion-wise with the outside surface of the lead (14) and that the sleeve body (10) is made from a transparent material.

32. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the lead (14) is spaced at least almost completely

relative to the inside wall of the cavity (12), forming the empty space.

33. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 32, wherein the lead (14) is arranged in concentric relationship with respect to the longitudinal center line (M) of the cavity (12) spaced in relation to the inside wall of the cavity (12), forming the empty space.

34. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the fixing securing means (40) is provided in the region of the one end of the sleeve body (10).

35. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the fixing securing means (40) is formed by a clamping means (10e, 30) for the lead (14) in the interior of the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10).

36. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 35, wherein provided at the one end of the sleeve body (10) is at least one slot (10e) which extends in the longitudinal direction of the sleeve body and which is compressible by means of a clamping element (30) fitted on to the end of the sleeve body (10), with a reduction in the inside diameter of the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10).

37. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the fixing securing means (40) is formed by a melted portion of the lead (14) in the interior of the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10).

38. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the fixing securing means (40) is formed by a wax plug (44) introduced into the one end of the sleeve body (10).

39. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the fixing securing means (40) is formed by at least one shaped portion (42) which on the one hand is inserted into the lead (14) and which on the other hand comes into engagement with co-operating elements (12c) provided at the inside of the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10).

40. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the fixing securing means (40) is formed by a displacement body (46a) which is disposed on an insert portion (46) which penetrates into the lead (14) upon insertion of the insert portion (46).

41. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the opening (12a, 12b) of the sleeve body (10) is closable by a cap (20, 30).

42. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 41, wherein a sealing means (50) is provided between the cap (20, 30) and the cavity (12) of the sleeve body (10).

43. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 42, wherein the sleeve body (10) is of a cross-section differing from a circular cross-section.

44. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 42, wherein the sleeve body (10) is made from a material which can be sharpened to a point.

45. (new) A cosmetic pencil as set forth in claim 31, wherein the lead (14) is of a cross-section which differs from a circular cross-section.

46. (new) A process for producing a cosmetic pencil as set forth in one claim 31, wherein the process includes the following steps:

providing a sleeve body which in its interior has a longitudinally extending cavity which is open outwardly by way of at least one opening,

providing a lead produced by molding or extrusion,

dimensioning the outside diameter of the lead in such a way that it is at least slightly smaller than the inside diameter of the cavity of the sleeve body,

introducing the lead into the cavity of the sleeve body,

fixing the lead in the interior of the cavity of the pencil body by means of a fixing securing means,

characterised in provided at the inside wall of the cavity are a plurality of guide ribs which extend in the longitudinal direction of the cavity and which are arranged in mutually spaced relationship in the peripheral direction thereof and which are in line contact at least portion-wise with the outside surface of the lead, and a transparent material is selected for the sleeve body.

47. (new) A process as set forth in claim 46, wherein the fixing is effected by melting a portion of the lead.

48. (new) A process as set forth in claim 47, wherein the melting operation is effected by ultrasound.

49. (new) A process as set forth in claim 47, wherein the melting operation is effected by applying microwaves to the lead.

50. (new) A process as set forth in claim 47, wherein the melting operation is effected by heating the lead.

51. (new) A process as set forth in claim 47, wherein the lead is fixed in the cavity of the sleeve body by a wax plug.

52. (new) A process as set forth in claim 47, wherein the lead is fixed by inserting a shaped portion into an end region of the lead in such a way that the shaped portion can come into engagement with engagement elements provided at the inside wall of the cavity.

53. (new) A process as set forth in claim 47, wherein the lead is fixed by being clamped fast by means of deformation of the sleeve body.

54. (new) A process as set forth in claim 46, wherein the opening in the sleeve body is sealed off.

55. (new) A process as set forth in claim 46, wherein a friction-reducing means is applied to the outside of the lead prior to the insertion thereof into the sleeve body.

56. (new) A process as set forth in claim 55, wherein the friction-reducing means is applied to the portions of the lead, which have no spacing relative to the inside wall of the cavity.